

# "LISTEN" LYRICS AND LINER NOTES

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*"If you want to be heard, Listen"*

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**1. ANONYMOUS (2:13)**

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I call myself Anonymous  
I'll always be  
The minstrel at the back door  
Strumming on a lute  
The poet scribbling through the night  
The player in the third row  
Tooting on a flute  
The painter waiting for the light

I sing the song Anonymous  
A song I sing for free  
Uncensored  
Uncalled for  
Authentic  
To be Anonymous  
Is right for me

It's the opposite of branding  
The opposite of fame  
The opposite of wanting  
All the world to know your name

My story is not trending  
It won't get all the hype  
I may look like I'm stumbling in the dark  
But even in the dark I hit my mark

I live the life Anonymous  
A life that keeps me sane

A noble  
Tradition  
Outrageous  
Courageous

With hist'ry  
And myst'ry  
And therefore  
The great Anonymous  
I will remain

**2. I'D RATHER BE WITH YOU (3:49)**

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*Is there time for you and me  
In a world turned upside down  
All this hate and bullying*

*Turn a smile into a frown  
But instead of boo-hoo  
Is there something I can do*

I could organize a rally  
To get rid of what's his name  
I could rearrange the closet  
But it still comes out the same  
I could plan for my retirement  
These are noble things to do  
But I'd rather be with you

I could gorge myself on Netflix  
Or on Amazon dot prime  
I could call my crazy sister  
Unless she's stoned or doing time  
I could while away an hour  
All alone and feeling blue  
But I'd rather be with you

'Cause I'm upset; I'm upset  
I'm upset and depressed  
Almost ev'ry single day  
I'm upset; I'm upset  
I'm too sad to get dressed  
So I can't come out and play

Make it stop; make it stop  
Make it stop; we don't need  
All this chaos in the world  
But until we can find an answer to this  
mess  
I must find a way to alleviate this stress

I could fly to California  
Just relax and have some fun  
I could fin'lly clean the oven  
That's a job that should be done  
But of all the things I could do  
And I've mentioned quite a few  
I would rather be with you

I've had enough, quite enough  
Of the gloom and the doom  
And I need a little break  
It's enough; I give up  
Let me out of my room  
This is more than I can take

Get him out; get him out  
Get him out; hear me shout  
Ev'ry night at my TV  
I am drowning in Trumped-up tweets  
Up to my tits  
Please remove him before  
He blows us all to bits

But tonight we're here together  
And I've given it some thought  
I don't want to waste this moment  
Being sad and overwrought  
I decided in a heartbeat, when we met  
What I would do  
I can't help it if it's true  
I would rather be with you

**3. # ME TOO (2:30)**  
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Be kind  
Be honest  
And listen to me

I'm just  
Beginning  
To learn how to be

I've heard all the stories  
I know they are true  
And I don't want to be the next "me too"

I'm scared  
To trust you  
Are you on my side?

I want  
To trust you  
I don't want to hide

So please try to see things  
From my point of view  
'Cause I don't want to be afraid of you

*Please respect my body  
Please respect my mind  
Careful what you say and what you do*

*Please don't steal the little time  
I have to find*

*All the feelings deep inside of me  
And you*

It's time  
Let's face it  
The moment is now

We need  
A new way  
To work it somehow

We have to move forward  
We have to break through

Believe me when I say  
We have to find a way  
'Cause I don't want to be afraid of you  
Believe me  
I don't want to be the next "me too"

**4. SOON THIS WILL ALL BE OVER (1:58)**  
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Soon this will all be over  
The meanness and the strife  
All of the incivility  
That mars our life

Out with the disillusion  
In with "the jig is up"  
Hist'ry will write a story  
That will fill a tome  
Soon this will all be over  
And we'll all go home

Soon we'll be all in clover  
And given any luck  
Free of the mucky childish things  
That really suck

Life will be filled with fairness  
Woven with peace and love  
We'll get a taste of kindness  
Sweet as honeycomb  
Soon this will all be over  
And we'll all go home

**5. MY CHOSEN FAMILY (3:20)**  
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My Chosen Family  
The one I keep with me now  
My Chosen Family  
The one who loves me somehow

Today's a new day  
I'll make my own sweet song  
A song that's simple  
A song that's true  
And my new song  
Will have a name  
And I will call it  
My Chosen Family

From time to time  
You meet with kindred souls  
Who travel with you  
Along the way  
They change your life  
And then you know  
That they are part of  
Your Chosen Family

Bloodlines are given  
Heartlines are made  
Born of the need to belong  
Out of the trouble  
The ashes and rubble  
A new tribe can blossom  
And grow  
And grow

So with a new day  
And with a brand new song  
A growing chorus  
Will fill the air  
And that new song  
Now has a name  
Found after searching and searching  
And searching it fin'llly became

My Chosen Family  
The one I keep with me now  
My Chosen Family  
The one who loves me somehow  
I love my Chosen Family  
I'm so happy with my Chosen Family

I'm so glad I found my Chosen Family

**6. LISTEN (3:56)**  
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If you want to be heard  
Listen  
If you're feeling ignored  
Wait

When your heart's on the run  
And you want to take flight  
When you're too tired to fight  
That's okay

It's about getting through  
Slowly  
It's about holding on  
For life

Loneliness  
There's always plenty of  
If you want to be loved  
Love

Time and time again I've tried to break  
through  
Working hard but never having a clue  
Should I reach out wide or go in deeper  
Am I walking in my sleep?

Something in my heart is telling me,  
"Stay"  
Something in my soul is starting to say  
"Go ahead and trust; don't be afraid  
Soon your fortune will be made"

[Counterpoint Section]

Baby, what's the rush  
It's not too late

If you want to be loved  
If you want to break through  
If you want to be heard  
Listen  
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